

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren and Angel attending. Others attending were Chief Webber; Comm. Gray; Supt. Givens; Deputy Manning; Kimberly Derk and Ned Edwards - GE Plastics; and Jamie Grabert - Posey County News.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilman Angel moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Councilwoman Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried.

*****CLAIMS*****

Sewage \$ 2,862.37

Payroll 44,397.54

General, MVHF, Fire Pension, LR & S 28,629.66

Mayor Knowles stated before they continue with the meeting, they will have the swearing in of the newest firefighter, Ryan Riggs.

Mr. Riggs was sworn in by Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe and then congratulated by the Board.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Comm. Gray reported he has received some complaints from Vectren concerning yard sale signs being placed on their utility poles. He added this is a problem he has been working on most of the spring and will continue to work on over the summer. He also stated that once the signs have been removed, they are usually replaced just as quickly with new ones.

Mrs. Manning stated the city should take a lesson from Evansville, who is currently dealing with the same situation and addressed it via a new ordinance. She also added that issue may already be addressed in the city's planning/zoning ordinance.

Mayor Knowles replied it isn't addressed there, she has tried to look it up on-line and can

not find anything. She then suggested Attorney Funkhouser look into possibly an ordinance, etc., to handle the issue. She added also that Evansville is just now addressing their problem and now may be a good time to act.

Councilwoman Askren agreed.

Comm. Gray furthered his report by stating on August 10, 2005 there is a pest management seminar in Evansville that he would like to attend that will address the licensing requirements to spray for mosquitoes. He added the cost of the course is \$139 but since it is in Evansville, there will be no cost for lodging.

Mayor Knowles moved permission to attend be given. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Comm. Gray stated the Street Commissioner's Conference is August 23-25, 2005, in Warsaw, IN and he would like permission to attend, at a cost of \$90 for the conference and hotel for \$74 per night. He added he would also like use of the credit card.

Mayor Knowles moved permission be given. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Webber reported the generator is out on Engine 4, for the third time in six years. He added it has been repaired many times, but not just anyone has the skill to repair it. He stated the closest place is in Gary, IN, though he has discussed repairs with a gentleman in St. Philip, IN. He then stated the estimate he has been given on the repair and shipping costs is around \$8,000.00.

Mayor Knowles questioned the cost of a new one ?

Chief Webber replied around \$7,000.00.

Mayor Knowles added that is cheaper than the cost to have the old one repaired.

Chief Webber added that Engine 4 is the main engine, they need that one up and running. He added the gentleman in St. Philip is closer, but he would like to get a second quote.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added a quote would be fine since it is under \$25,000.00.

Chief Webber then stated the fire department has been implementing a cadet program, and they are taking on a new cadet, sixteen year old Charlie Bradford, son of a long time volunteer. He stated the program is for those aged 16-20 and they are never in harms way - staying in the truck at fire scenes, etc. He added Brandon Key is also a cadet but in

January, due to his age, he will become a volunteer. He concluded by stating he will need the Board's help to get out of jail on June 30, as he is being locked up for MDA, so they be expecting a phone call.

Mrs. Manning asked if the cadet program utilizes release forms ?

Chief Webber replied yes and added the parents sign the release form and they are on file at the fire department.

Mrs. Manning added they should be on file in the Clerk-Treasurer's Office.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens reported the pump has been installed at the Mill Creek Lift Station and seems to be running fine. He added that TMI dug up the cave in at 2nd and Mill and found no cracks or separations in the force mains. He stated they then filled in the hole with rock and sand.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles stated Police Chief Beloit is not present, nor is Supt. Tate.

Mayor Knowles then stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is Kimberly Derk with GE Plastics.

Ms. Derk stated she and Mr. Edwards are present concerning GE's Global Community Day, in conjunction with their 45th anniversary of operations in Mount Vernon. She added she has talked with the county about using the court house property and would like to get some help from the city now, if possible. She stated the event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2005, with set up on the 10th of Sept., around 4:30. She added they will have everything cleaned up Sunday morning. She stated they will need water hook ups at 3rd and Main and 3rd and Walnut, all similar to how they operated last year. She also stated that having streets blocked and police patrol would be greatly appreciated. She wondered about trash pick up, if the trash could be cleared out around the square Friday evening sometime and again during the day on Saturday ? She also questioned designated parking areas, and any guidance the city could give on that.

Comm. Gray asked what time the event will be held on Saturday ?

Ms. Derk replied from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Comm. Gray asked if it will all be cleaned up on Sunday by noon ? If so, he stated they could place a packer in the alley by 5/3 Bank and leave it there through the weekend for dumping.

Mr. Edwards stated that sounds like a good idea.

Comm. Gray added they can definitely do that, having the packer on site in the alley would probably be the best option.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added Comm. Gray should contact the bank about that.

Councilwoman Askren asked if they have talked to the bank yet ?

Ms. Derk replied not yet, but they were very nice last year.

Mayor Knowles added that they do require a certificate insurance be on file before the event.

Ms. Derk replied that can take care of that.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any other questions ?

Councilwoman Askren moved GE be permitted to hold their event on the city streets, with all options discussed earlier, the weekend of September 10-12, 2005. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated the next item is the agreement between the city and old B & M Plastics for take over of their lift station. She added the agreement is finally ready for signatures, Attorney Funkhouser has looked it over and it has already been signed off on by Mr. Gillenwater. She added Mr. Gillenwater signed after Supt. Givens agreed to the condition of the lift station.

Councilwoman Askren moved agreement be approved and signed and that the city take over and accept the lift station. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Supt. Givens stated before they vote, he would like to stated that he was not aware this was going to be happening this quick. He added he would like to take another look at the lift station before the city takes it over, it has been awhile since he has checked it.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added they need to amend the motion.

Councilwoman Askren moved the take over of the lift station be approved upon Supt. Givens final inspection and his approval. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated Young Life is on the Agenda about selling hot dogs at the fireworks, but she does not see them in the Audience.

Mrs. Manning asked who is in charge of the fireworks ?

Mayor Knowles replied the Lions Club.

Mrs. Manning added the city is not covered for food vending.

Mayor Knowles suggested they table until Young Life can be present, and asked that Mrs. Manning not interrupt her in future meetings.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated under New Business, Chief Webber has approached her about his salary being at Fire Chief level, as it is not now and he has been doing the job for 6 months. She added he is the interim Fire Chief, and that position needs to be created since he has not been with the department for 5 years.

Councilwoman Askren stated if he is doing the job, he should be paid for it.

Councilwoman Askren moved the Board recommend to the Council consideration of an ordinance creating the new position and allowing the pay. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles then stated that as they are all aware, the State Board of Accounts is in for their annual audit, and they have an issue with one of her mileage claims. She stated that out of 18 claims, the one that was pulled had not had the odometer readings on it, and she told them that she was just too busy to mess with that and that she would not turn in another one. She then stated she would like Board approve to get her own gas card, like the police and fire have, with the \$70 per month mileage she currently gets being the cap on it for the month, paid out of that line of her budget.

Councilman Angel moved permission be given. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilwoman Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Angel.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer